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SUBJECT: KIM TAE-CHUNG AND KIM YONG-SAM MEET

1. KIM TAE-CHUNG AND KIM YONG-SAM MET WITH PRESS

JAN 6 FOLLOWING LUNCHEON DISCUSSION.

KIM TAE-CHUNG REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS THAT HE AND KIM YONG-SAM HAD AGREED TO COOPERATE AND TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST EFFORTS TO CREATE DISCORD BETWEEN THEM. HE SAID THT HE INTENDED TO MAINTAIN CLOSE TIES WITH KIM YONG-SAM UNTIL DEMOCRACY IS RESTORED IN ROK.

2. THE TWO POLITICIANS REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY (NCRD) WHICH THEY DESCRIBED AS A BODY WHICH COORDINATES EFFORTS OF RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY. HOWEVER, TONGA ILBO GOSSIP COLUMN JAN 7 REPORTS THAT KIM YONG-SAM IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH REPORTERS PLAYED DOWN RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF NCRD.

3. NDP AND PRESS SOURCES HAVE RECENTLY EXPRESSED TO EMBOFFS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN GRADUAL REEMERGENCE
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OF KIM TAE-CHUNG ONTO ROK POLITICAL SCENE. CONSENSUS

AMONG POLITICAL OBSERVERS IS THAT IN SPITE OF SHOW OF
COOPERATION, POWER STRUGGLE BETWEEN TWO KIMS IS
INEVITABLE, IF IT HAS NOT ALREADY BEGUN. TONGA ILBO
REPORTER TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE AND HIS ASSOCIATES
BELIEVE KIM TAE-CHUNG STILL HAS OVERWHELMING LEAD
IN PUBLIC POPULARITY IN SPITE OF KIM YONG-SAM'S
RECENT HEADLINE-CATCHING ACTIVITIES.
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